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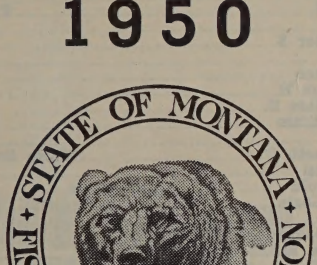

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Types of Licenses and Fees

Resident Bird and Fish License	$ 3.00
Resident Big Game	2.00
Non-Resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-Resident 3-Day Limited Fishing	2.50
Non-Resident Bird	25.00
Non-Resident Big Game	100.00
Trapper's License (Must be holder of Class A License)	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	10.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealer's License	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License	10.00
Beaver Permits (to land owners or lessees only) (minimum) (additional charge of $1.00 for each beaver over ten)	10.00
Taxidermist's License	15.00
Guide's License	5.00
Outfitter's License	10.00

The holder of a Resident or Non-Resident Big Game License is entitled to take one deer, one elk, one bear, and one goat, during the open season thereon.

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits	$ .60

Shipping permits are obtained either direct from this office, from Deputy Game Wardens or license agents and are necessary when any resident ships fish, game animals or parts thereof out of the State. Non-Residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the State. (These permits are attached to Fishing Licenses.) Non-Residents must obtain shipping permits to ship game animals or game birds out of the State.

Special Licenses (Limited)

Moose	$ 25.00
Elk	1.00
Deer	5.00
Antelope	5.00

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Game Animals—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat and bear.

Fur-Bearing Animals—Marten or sable, otter, fox, muskrat, fisher, mink, raccoon and beaver.

Predatory Animals—Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, wild cat, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret and bobcat.

Game Fish—All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger and walleyed pike or yellow pike perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

Upland Game Birds—Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

Migratory Game Birds—Waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant and swans; cranes, including little brown sandhill coots and whooping cranes, rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails, shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets and yellowlegs, and mourning or turtle doves.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Effective May 21, 1950

To be in full force and effect through May 19, 1951, unless otherwise specified, subject to change, however, by the Commission prior to that date. For up-to-date information, inquire of your license dealer, sportsmen's club or Deputy Game Warden.

Regular Open Season: May 21, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Regular Closed Season: November 16, 1950 to May 19, 1951, both dates inclusive.

The above regulations apply except where otherwise specified in the paragraphs below or under the county regulations following.

Hours of Fishing: Open from 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

Licenses not required for children under fifteen years of age.

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and fish cultural stations within the State shall be closed to fishing at all times.

All waters not mentioned in these Regulations are open to fishing for all species of fish during the regular open season.

The daily **Limit** on all species of trout, grayling, char, whitefish, and salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, except where otherwise specified. This daily **Limit** shall not include more than five (5) fish less than seven (7) inches in length.

The **Limit** on pike of all species shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

The **Limit** on bass of all species shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

There is no daily **Limit** on the catch of perch, crappies, sunfish, blue gills, bream, bullheads, and catfish.

The Possession Limit for all game fish shall be one day's legal catch unless otherwise specifically stated. This regulation shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been dried, salted or otherwise preserved.

Chapter 100, Laws of 1949—". . . It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of

Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission . . .''

Means of Taking:

Game Fish shall be taken only by angling, that is by hook and single line in hand or single rod in hand, or within immediate control.

Non-Game Fish may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling or with set lines in waters designated open to set line fishing.

All waters of the State shall be closed to fishing with small fish, dead or alive, for bait, except that small fish other than game fish may be used in those waters where they are commonly known to live.

Minnows of non-game fish variety may be taken with a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh only in counties hereinafter mentioned where the regulation allows the use of same. Use of minnow seines in all other counties unlawful; snares or fish traps unlawful to use or have in possession.

Snagging of game fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under Sockeye fishing regulations, page 7.

Sale or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

Set-lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated otherwise. (See Section 3694, R. C. M. 1947). When set-lines are permitted, said set-line is not to exceed one hundred (100) feet and not more than six (6) hooks shall be attached thereto.

Floats on set-lines prohibited.

It is prohibited to use ground or chipped meat, fish or other food products ''to bait a hole'' in any fishing waters. (This does not prohibit the use of meat or fish for bait.)

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below all dams hereinafter listed under County Regulations is prohibited.

Other Than Regular Season: Clark Fork River, from its source to the Thompson Falls Dam, shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to the beginning of the regular fishing season each year, and open the remainder of the year.

Open Entire Year: It shall be lawful to catch any species of fish in the Yellowstone, Kootenai and Missouri Rivers throughout the entire year. The regular creel and possession limits shall prevail in these waters. (Exception—see Park and Sweet Grass Counties.)

The following rivers shall be open to fishing for all species of fish during the entire year: Milk River from three hundred (300) feet below the Fresno Dam in Hill County to its confluence with the Missouri, Flathead River from Flathead Lake to its confluence with the Clark Fork River, Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River from its mouth to the Wyoming State

Line, Little Horn River and the Big Horn River, and the Musselshell River from the Golden Valley-Musselshell County Line to its confluence with the Missouri River.

Set-Line Fishing for Ling and Non-Game Fish Only: (See Section 3694, Revised Codes of Montana.) The Yellowstone River from its mouth to the Bridge at Laurel on Highway No. 12; the Kootenai River; the entire Missouri River except such portions as may be affected by county regulations and that portion in Lewis and Clark and Cascade Counties between the Morony Dam and the Holter Dam, and that portion below the Fort Peck Dam beginning from the marked cable below the concrete tunnel apron to its confluence with the Milk River shall be open to set-line fishing for ling and non-game fish only at all hours during the entire year.

Winter Fishing: All waters of the State are closed to winter fishing unless otherwise provided for by these regulations. In waters where winter fishing is allowed, angling is permitted in open waters or through a hole in the ice unless otherwise mentioned.

Sockeye Fishing Regulations During Spawning Season: From October 1, 1950 to December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, the limit on sockeye salmon shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two days' limit in possession in the following waters: **Flathead Lake including Swan River from its mouth to the Highway Bridge below the power house in Lake and Flathead Counties; Whitefish Lake in Flathead County: Lake Francis and that portion of the inlet canal as far as Conklin Gates in Pondera County; and the Clark Fork River in Sanders County, and Lindberg and Placid Lakes in Missoula County.** However, in the above waters, from December 16, 1950 until September 30, 1951, the limit shall be fifteen (15) fish per day and not to exceed ten (10) pounds, one day's limit possession only.

In the above waters **only,** snagging sockeye with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted from October 1, 1950 to December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive. During the balance of the open season, sockeye may be taken only by means of hook and single line in hand or single rod in hand, or within immediate control.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam is prohibited.

Winter Fishing: Open water fishing shall be allowed for all fish in Red Rock Creek in its entirety, the Beaverhead River from the confluence of Red Rock Creek and Horse Prairie Creek to its confluence with the Jefferson River, from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, with the exception of Elk and Brown's Lakes which are to be governed by the regular open season.

Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

The tributary streams to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

BIG HORN COUNTY

Open Entire Year: The Bighorn River, the Little Bighorn River and Willow Creek Lake.

All other waters shall be governed by the regular season.

The creel limit on Willow Creek Lake and Tongue River Lake shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.

BLAINE COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: The Milk River and all Reservoirs north of Highway No. 2 shall be open to fishing with the following exception: Black Coulee Reservoir.

BROADWATER COUNTY

Closed Waters: Deep Creek and all of its tributaries above the Russell Fork Bridge.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam on the Missouri River is prohibited.

Set-Line Fishing for Ling and Non-Game Fish Only: The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive.

CARBON COUNTY

Closed Waters: The first West Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed to all fishing permanently from the mouth of Washoe Creek (near Wild Bill Lake) to its confluence with the main stream of Rock Creek.

CARTER COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing.

CASCADE COUNTY

Closed Waters: Middle Creek Dam and the entire Middle Creek from the dam to its confluence with Wooden Shoe Creek shall be closed the entire year.

That portion of Giant Springs enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

Special Closure: That portion of the Missouri River from the Giant Springs Channel between the island and the upper end of the Great Falls State Fish Hatchery property to a point approximately fifty (50) feet below the lower pond, a distance of about three hundred and fifty (350) feet, and extending three hundred (300) feet out into the river channel, shall be closed

to fishing from November 16, 1950 to May 19, 1951, both dates inclusive, and open during the regular open season.

Open Entire Year: Tintinger Sloughs.

Whitefishing: The Sun River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from its confluence with the Missouri River to Simms from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY

Open Entire Year: That portion of the Marias River and the Teton River lying within Chouteau County.

CUSTER COUNTY

Use of Minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All Reservoirs and the Tongue River from its confluence with the Yellowstone River to the Custer-Rosebud County Line.

Closed Waters: Lakes Garberson and Keough shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

DANIELS COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All Reservoirs, the Poplar River and Wolf Creek shall be open to fishing for all species of fish throughout the entire year.

DAWSON COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters shall be open to fishing.

Closed to Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River from the Intake Dam to the Ferry Cable is closed to set-line fishing throughout the year.

Other Than Regular Season: Johnson and Lindsey Reservoirs shall be closed to fishing from May 1 to June 15, 1950 and open thereafter until April 30, 1951.

DEER LODGE COUNTY

Closed Waters: That portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek; Rock Creek Dam for three hundred (300) feet below outlet.

Big Spring in Georgetown Lake, in an area designated by piles or buoys, for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shore line out into the Lake.

Flint Creek where it empties into Georgetown Lake shall be closed from its mouth at Georgetown Lake to the Granite County Line, that part of Stewart Mill Creek above where the fence crosses it on Bowman's pasture, and Hartdla Creek between Georgetown and Silver Lakes shall be closed the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: Excepting Georgetown Lake and Silver Lake (see below) all other mountain lakes and their

tributaries shall be closed to fishing from November 15 to June 30, each year.

Georgetown Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed to all fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing: Fishing shall be allowed in open waters or through a hole in the ice for all species of fish in Silver Lake from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive; provided, however, that in case the said fishing is depleting the lake too rapidly, the State Fish and Game Commission shall have authority to close the same upon five days' notice, that same to be published in a newspaper within Deer Lodge County.

The **Limit** in Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregate and not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

FALLON COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

FERGUS COUNTY

Open Entire Year: All Reservoirs and the Judith River, from the mouth of Big Spring Creek to the mouth of the Judith River, shall be open to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: Crystal Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

FLATHEAD COUNTY

Night fishing from 5:00 o'clock p. m. to 7:00 o'clock a. m., Mountain Standard Time, shall be prohibited in Flathead Lake between the dates of October 1, 1950 and December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Closed Waters: Logan Creek from the inlet of Tally Lake to the Fourth Bridge and in addition an area five hundred (500) feet in radius from the mouth of the stream into Tally Lake; the area between the Highway Bridge and the Hydroelectric Plant on the Swan River, tributary to the Flathead Lake; Smith Lake (north of Whitefish Lake); the stream between Middle and Big Ashley Lakes.

Herrig Creek, in Flathead County, a tributary of Bitterroot Lake; and Bitterroot Lake, within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where Herrig Creek enters Bitterroot Lake; Rand Creek, Wade Creek, Fish Creek, Cottonwood Creek, and Green Mountain Creek (tributaries of Ashley Lake); Ashley Lake, within an area of three hundred (300)

feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter Ashley Lake; and Hatchery, or Rand Bay; Big Ashley Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from the outlet, shall be closed to fishing.

Spoon or Nine Mile Lake shall be closed until further notice.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below the Northwest Dam on the Stillwater River is prohibited.

Open Entire Year: Flathead Lake, except one thousand (1,000) feet into the Lake, from the mouth of the Flathead and Swan Rivers, shall be closed each year from March 1st to the beginning of the general fishing season; and that portion in front of Somers Hatchery property lines to three hundred (300) feet out in the Lake.

McWininger Slough, Emmert Slough, Egan Slough, Lake Five, Half Moon Lake, Lake Blaine, Fenny Slough and Blanchard Lake shall be open to fishing for all species of fish.

Whitefish Lake, except that portion of the Lake within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the mouth of Swift Creek at the upper end of the Lake, shall be closed from November 16, 1949 to June 30, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Other Than Regular Season: Samson, Spencer, Beaver, Dollar, Murray, Chinook, Doyle and Hanson Lakes shall be open to fishing for all species of fish from October 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Whale Creek, Coal Creek and Big Creek, tributaries to the North Fork of the Flathead River, shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to August 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed thereafter to protect spawning bull trout.

Swift Creek, in its entirety, shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Whitefish Lake shall be closed to fishing from February 1, 1951 to May 19, 1951.

Big Ashley Lake shall be open to fishing from June 12, 1950 to November 30, 1950, both dates inclusive. The limit in Big Ashley Lake shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

The entire Flathead River above its mouth at the head of Flathead Lake, shall be open to fishing during the regular season only.

Winter Fishing: Echo Lake, Skyles Lake, Big Martin Lake, Little Martin Lake, Upper Stillwater Lake and Meadow Lake shall be open to fishing for all species of fish from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing Through a Hole in the Ice Only: Rogers Lake, Smith Lake (Kila Area) and Blanchard Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

The Flathead River above the old steel bridge East of Kalispell to the confluence of the South Fork of the Flathead River shall be open to winter fishing from December 1, 1950 to January 31, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Bass Fishing: Peterson Lake shall be open to bass fishing during the regular open season. All other bass waters in Flat-

head County, except those declared open the entire year, shall be closed to bass fishing from May 10 to June 30, each year, both dates inclusive.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Closed Waters: The Madison River and tributary streams from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek shall be closed permanently to all fishing.

That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the City of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake shall be closed to all fishing. That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from Story Street Crossing in Keggy Lane shall be closed to all fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to September 30, 1950, both dates inclusive. The tributary streams above Hebgen Lake, including Madison River, Duck Creek and the South Fork of the Madison shall be open to fishing from May 30, 1950 to September 30, 1950, both dates inclusive.

All of the Madison River and its tributaries between its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County and Meadow Lake in Madison County shall be open from May 21, 1950 to October 14, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the rest of the year.

The **Limit** of game fish shall be ten (10) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, not more than five (5) of which shall be under seven (7) inches in length in any one day in Hebgen Lake and tributary streams above Hebgen Dam, including the Madison River, Duck Creek and South Fork of the Madison River above Hebgen Dam, and the possession limit for all fish shall be one day's legal catch. This regulation shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been dried, salted or otherwise cured.

Golden Trout Lake and Hidden Lake shall be open to fishing from August 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950, both dates inclusive.

The **Limit** in Golden Trout and Hidden Lakes shall be five (5) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

All other lakes in Gallatin County shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Portal, Cascade and Buffalo Horn Creeks and all tributary streams shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

All waters of the West Gallatin River and tributaries from County Bridge No. 14 (Axtell Bridge), and all waters of the East Gallatin River and tributaries from County Bridge No. 47 (Todd Stevens Bridge) to the bridge that crosses the Gallatin River at Logan; the waters included within Townships 1 and 2 South, and 1 and 2 North, Ranges 3, 4 and 5 East, shall be open from May 21, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing for Ling and Non-Game Fish Only: The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be

closed to set-line fishing from March 1st to June 30, each year, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing: The entire Jefferson River shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Whitefishing: The main Gallatin River from its confluence with the Missouri River to the mouth of the East Gallatin River, the East Gallatin River from its mouth to the Todd Stevens Bridge, and the West Gallatin River from its confluence with the East Gallatin River to the Williams Bridge shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

GARFIELD COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

GLACIER COUNTY

Closed Waters: Flat Top Lake, White Tail Creek and its tributaries, lying within the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River, Hope Lake and Lower St. Mary's Lake, Cutbank Creek from the Marias River to the Great Northern Railroad Bridge at Cut Bank.

Winter Fishing: Lower Two Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Other Than Regular Season: Mission Lake and Upper Mission Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

The regular open season shall apply to Deadman's Basin Lake and the limit shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.

Open Entire Year: All other Reservoirs except Deadman's Basin Lake shall be open to fishing.

The Musselshell River from the Burgoyne Railroad Bridge east to the County Line.

GRANITE COUNTY

Closed Waters: Flint Creek which empties into Georgetown Lake, shall be closed from its mouth at Georgetown Lake to the Bridge on the Echo Lake Road and the remainder open during the regular season from said Bridge to three hundred (300) feet below its source in Echo Lake.

Ranch Creek, a tributary of Rock Creek, Little Fred Burr Lake, Big Fred Burr Lake and Stewart Lake are closed to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: The East Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed from its source to where it enters East Fork Lake, and shall be open for fishing from July 1st to November 15th, each year, both dates inclusive.

Georgetown Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1st to November 15th and closed to all fishing from March 1st to June 30th, each year, both dates inclusive. See Georgetown Lake winter fishing season below.

All lakes in Granite County except Echo Lake, the East Fork of Rock Creek and Georgetown Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1st to November 15th, each year, both dates inclusive, and closed the rest of the year.

Winter Fishing: Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive; provided, however, that in case the said fishing is depleting the lake too rapidly, the State Fish and Game Commission shall have authority to close the same upon five days' notice, the same to be published in a newspaper within Granite County.

The **Limit in** Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregate in any one day and the possession limit shall be ten (10) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

Race Track Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Whitefishing: That portion of Rock Creek lying in Granite County from the Hog Back to the Missoula-Granite County Line shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

HILL COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Closed Waters: Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam on the Milk River is prohibited.

Open Entire Year: Milk River from three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam to Blaine County Line.

Other Than Regular Season: Fresno Lake shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Creedman Coulee Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the rest of the year.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Open Entire Year: Homestake Lake.

Winter Fishing: The entire Jefferson River shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

Closed Waters: That portion of Wolf Creek from the highway bridge on Highway No. 87 (about ¾ of a mile West of Stanford) to the bridge at the rearing pond shall be closed to fishing.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs except Ackley, Kolar and O'Brien.

Winter Fishing: Kolar and O'Brien, from Dec. 1, 1950 to Feb. 28, 1951.

Closed Waters: Sage Creek from the railroad bridge below Windham to its mouth.

LAKE COUNTY

Night Fishing: Fishing from 5:00 o'clock p. m. to 7:00 o'clock a. m., Mountain Standard Time, shall be prohibited in Flathead Lake in Lake and Flathead Counties from October 1, 1950 to December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Open Entire Year: Flathead Lake and Kicking Horse Reservoir.

Closed Waters: Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributary streams of Lake Mary Ronan; also three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these creeks enter Lake Mary Ronan; 750 feet of shoreline on the East Shore extending 300 feet into the Lake near the Polson Hatchery beginning at Dr. Richards' northern property line extending to the Thoemtz boat dock on the south.

An area of shoreline 750 feet along Rollins Bay, the area to be marked by signs, and extending 350 feet into Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the spawn taking operations from October 1, 1950 to December 15, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Other Than Regular Season: Pablo Reservoir (Bird Refuge) shall be closed to all fishing from March 1st to July 25th, each year, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl season each year, and open throughout the balance of the season.

Nine Pipe Reservoir shall be closed to all fishing from March 1st to July 1st, each year, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl season each year, and open throughout the balance of the season.

Winter Fishing: Skaag Lake and Swan Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam is prohibited.

Other Than Regular Season: Sauerkraut, Humbug, Seven-up-Pete, Black Diamond, which are tributaries to the Big Blackfoot River in Lewis and Clark County, shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to June 30, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing for Ling and Non-Game Fish Only: The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1st to June 30th, each year, both dates inclusive.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Open Entire Year: The Marias River.

Closed Waters: Bear Gulch and Breed Creek shall be closed to all fishing for the entire year.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Open Entire Year: The following lakes shall be open to fishing: Leone, Crystal, Lavone, Horseshoe, Bootjack and Rainbow, near Happy's Inn; Dickey, Timber, O'Brien, Sophia, Moran, Carpenter, Rock and Frank or Island Lakes in the Eureka District; also Bull, Lower Spar and Grouse Lakes in the Troy District.

The following waters shall be open to fishing: Yaak River from the mouth to the falls; O'Brien Creek from the mouth to the city dam; Star Creek from the mouth to the falls; Lake Creek from the mouth to the Power Company Dam; Loon Lake and Dudley Slough in the Eureka District and the Kootenai River.

Closed Waters: Slemmer Creek, Flower Creek from the power dam to its source, excluding the lakes; O'Brien Creek from dam to its source, and Savage Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: Schoolhouse Lake and Shannon Lake shall be closed to all fishing from May 21, 1950 to December 1, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Kilbrennan Lake and Alvord Lake shall be closed to all fishing from September 16, 1950 to May 19, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Martin Lake shall be closed to all fishing from October 1, 1950 to May 19, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Leigh, Upper and Lower Cedar Lakes, Upper and Lower Geiger Lakes, Sky or Owassa Lake, Granite Lake, Miner Lake, Double Lake, Standard Lake, Wishbone Lake, Bramlet Lake and Lakes in Hanging Valley shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing: Schoolhouse Lake and Shannon Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from December 1, 1950 to May 20, 1951, both dates inclusive.

The Thompson Lakes and Loon Lake near Happy's Inn and Loon Lake at the head of Pipe Creek, Tom Pool Lake on Pipe Creek, Glenn Lake, Rattlebone Lake and Murphy Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

MADISON COUNTY

Closed Waters: Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam), except that portion of the Lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm; Willow Creek inlet to Harrison Lake or Willow Creek Dam from its confluence with the Lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above State spawning traps; the Madison River for a distance of three hundred (300) feet below Meadow Lake Dam; the Ruby River and the irrigation canal from the Ruby River Dam to the Anderson Sheep Bridge; North Meadow Creek, below the point where the electric transmission line of the Montana Power Company crosses said creek from the mouth of said stream; Spring Creek from its source

to its confluence with the Madison River; the inlet to Wade Lake for a distance of one hundred (100) feet in all directions, shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: The Ruby River from Kelly's Bridge at Alder to its confluence with the Beaverhead River shall be open to fishing in open waters from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam) known as the Norwegian Creek Arm shall be open to fishing from June 1 to August 31, each year, both dates inclusive, and the limit upon this portion of the lake shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

All Lakes and their tributaries in Madison County except Meadow, Ruby Reservoir, Wade, Cliff and Hidden Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

All of the Madison River and its tributaries between its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County and Meadow Lake in Madison County shall be open from May 21, 1950 to October 14, 1950, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the rest of the year.

That portion of the Madison River and tributaries from Meadow Lake to Cabin Creek shall be open from May 21, 1950 to October 14, 1950, both dates inclusive.

The entire Jefferson River shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Whitefishing: The East Arm of Cliff Lake shall be open to the taking of whitefish from November 1, 1950 to December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and the possession limit shall be fifty (50) fish.

McCONE COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters, with the exception that Fort Peck Spillway is subject to closure by the U. S. Army Engineers as a safety measure.

MEAGHER COUNTY

Special Limit: The limit in Lake Martinsdale, Lake Harris and Lake Sutherland shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Closed Waters: Flagstaff Creek including Holliday Lake and tributaries and the North Fork of the Musselshell from Lake Harris to the falls.

Other Than Regular Season: Camas Creek shall be open to fishing from May 21, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing: Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1, 1951 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive, and the limit upon these lakes either singly or combined shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. Providing if said fishing is depleting the Lakes too rapidly the State Fish and Game Commission shall have authority to close these Lakes upon five (5) days' notice.

MINERAL COUNTY

Other Than Regular Season: The Clark Fork River shall be closed to fishing from March 1st to the beginning of the regular fishing season each year.

All tributaries to the St. Regis River shall be open from May 21, 1950 to July 15, 1950 and closed throughout the rest of the season.

MISSOULA COUNTY

Closed Waters: Rattlesnake Creek from the Montana Power Company Dam to its source in Missoula County.

The West Fork of the Clearwater River and all its tributaries from its source to its mouth; Placid Creek and all its tributaries from its source to the bridge known as "the bridge to the Hunter Estate," approximately one mile from its mouth; East and West Twin Creeks from their source to their confluence with the Blackfoot River; O'Brien Creek and all its tributaries from its source to its mouth; Belmont Creek and tributaries; Beaver Creek; Blanchard Creek, Trail Creek, Cooney Creek, Humble Creek, Spring or Birch Creek and Glacier Creek from Stoner's Homestead to Glacier Lake, and Swartz Creek.

Fishing shall be prohibited within three hundred (300) feet of the Bonner Dam at all times.

Other Than Regular Season: Johnson, Twin Bear and Finley Creeks shall be closed to fishing from July 6, to the beginning of the next regular fishing season, each year.

That portion of the Clark Fork River within Missoula County shall be closed to fishing from March 1st to the beginning of the regular fishing season, each year.

Winter Fishing: Harper's Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Whitefishing: That portion of Rock Creek from the Granite-Missoula County Line to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

The main Bitterroot River and the main Blackfoot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Special Regulation: The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades, said blades not to be larger than one and one-half (1½) inches in the longest dimension shall be prohibited in Placid Lake.

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters except Miller Lake and Willow Creek.

Closed Waters: Miller Lake shall be closed to fishing the entire year.

PARK COUNTY

Closed Waters: That portion of the headwaters of the Upper Main Boulder River above Coles Bridge.

Winter Fishing: Dailey Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

On that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Park County, the daily limit on whitefish shall be thirty (30) from November 15, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive, and during this same period, the daily limit on trout shall be three (3) fish.

Other Than Regular Season: Aldrich Lake shall be open to fishing from May 21 to June 30, 1950, inclusive, and reopened to winter fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951.

PETROLEUM COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters, except Bowdoin Reservoir and McNeil Slough, shall be open to fishing the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: The Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16, 1950 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

PONDERA COUNTY

Hours of Fishing: In Lake Francis and the inlet of Lake Francis as far as Conklin Gates from October 1 to December 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, the hours of fishing shall be from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Open Entire Year: Marias River and the Dry Fork of the Marias River.

Winter Fishing: Lake Francis near Valier in Pondera County shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

POWDER RIVER COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

POWELL COUNTY

Open Entire Year: Cottonwood Creek which flows through the town of Deer Lodge, Brown's Lake and Opsata Lake.

Closed Waters: Arastra Creek, from the Bill Steele Dude Ranch to its headwaters, the Little Blackfoot River from its headwaters to the lower boundary or line of the Little Blackfoot Meadows, Three Mile and Hope Creeks, tributaries to the Little Blackfoot River and all streams and tributaries running into Cooper's Lake shall be closed during the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes in Powell County shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, with the following exceptions: Rock Creek Lake, Cooper's Lake, Miller's Lake and Nevada Creek Lake, which shall open with the regular season.

The tributaries to Nevada Creek Lake, including an area within three hundred (300) feet radius of the mouth of said tributaries to the Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1950 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Nevada Creek Lake shall be open from May 21, 1950 to August 31, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing: Jones and Cooper's Lakes shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Fishing through a hole in the ice shall be permitted in Rock Creek Lake on Sundays and legal holidays from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 5:00 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Whitefishing: The Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Elliston to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

The Big Blackfoot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only in its entirety in Powell County from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

PRAIRIE COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

RAVALLI COUNTY

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below the Little Boulder Dam (West Fork Dam) on the West Fork of the Bitterroot River is prohibited.

Closed Waters: All waters of the West Fork of the Bitterroot Drainage above the town of Alta, Moose Creek, Martin Creek and Meadow Creek. All tributaries of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. All waters of the Fred Burr Creek Drainage. The South Fork of the Skalkaho Creek and all its tributaries.

Winter Fishing: The main Bitterroot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

ROSEBUD COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

SANDERS COUNTY

Winter Fishing: Rainbow (or Dog) Lake and Burgess Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice for all species

of fish from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

Open Entire Year: That portion of the Clark Fork River from three hundred (300) feet below the Thompson Falls Dam to the Montana-Idaho State Line.

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters except Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake as shall be designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

SILVER BOW COUNTY

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam is prohibited.

Closed Waters: That branch of the Big Hole River known as the Butte Angler's Club Rearing Ponds, from the breakwater to where it flows into the main channel of the Big Hole River (a distance of about one mile) shall be closed to all fishing during the entire year.

Winter Fishing: Open water fishing shall be allowed for all species of fish in the Big Hole River from the bridge which spans the river at Divide in Silver Bow County, to its confluence with the Jefferson River from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

STILLWATER COUNTY

Closed Waters: West Rosebud River from the head of Emerald Lake to the Mystic Lake power plant, and

The West Fork of the Stillwater River from the Bridge (commonly known as the George Torian Bridge) to its headwaters including all tributaries thereto, shall be closed to fishing for the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: Hailstone Lake shall be open to fishing from July 15 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

All waters of the West Rosebud River Drainage above the Montana Power Plant, including Mystic, Silver and Island Lakes, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing: On that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Stillwater County, the daily limit on whitefish shall be thirty (30) from November 15, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive, and during this same period, the daily limit on trout shall be three (3) fish.

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

Open Entire Year: Glass Lindsay Lakes.

Closed Waters: The East Boulder River from the fence at the Anderson Hot Springs buildings to its source, the Yellowstone Sloughs from the State Fish Hatchery grounds to its confluence with the Yellowstone River, the creeks on the

Elmer Budd Ranch and the Newspalmer Ranch, tributaries to the Boulder River, the Upper Main Boulder River from Coles Bridge to its headwaters, shall be closed to all fishing.

Winter Fishing: On that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweet Grass County, the daily limit on whitefish shall be thirty (30) from November 15, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive, and during this same period, the daily limit on trout shall be three (3) fish.

TETON COUNTY

Closed Waters: Big George, Hanan, Blacktail and Wagner Creeks.

Open Entire Year: Bynum Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: The Pishkun Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 15 to November 15, 1950, both dates inclusive.

Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Gibson Dam and Diversion dam is prohibited.

Winter Fishing: Arod Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from December 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive.

TOOLE COUNTY

Open Entire Year: The Marias River.

TREASURE COUNTY

Open Entire Year: All waters.

VALLEY COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: All waters (exception—see below) shall be open to fishing.

Closed Waters: That portion between the outlet tunnels and the cable marker below the concrete apron of the Fort Peck Dam shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

WHEATLAND COUNTY

Special Limit: The limit in Deadman's Basin Lake, Lebo Lake and Lake Martinsdale shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, during open seasons.

Winter Fishing: Lake Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1, 1951 to February 28, 1951, both dates inclusive. Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing from January 1, 1951, to March 31, 1951, both dates inclusive.

WIBAUX COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

Open Entire Year: Bear Creek and all Reservoirs except Lamesteer shall be open to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: Lamesteer Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 15 to September 15, 1950, both dates inclusive, from the County Bridge along the south shore of the lake to the spillway of the dam. The balance of the lake shall remain closed.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Use of minnow seines allowed.

(See Yellowstone River, page 6.)

NOTICE OF NEW LAW

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

IT IS UNLAWFUL

To refuse to show license on demand.
To use more than single pole and/or single line.
To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.
To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.
To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.
To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.
To use small fish, dead or alive, for bait, except that a non-game fish may be used for bait in waters where that species is commonly known to live.
To use set-lines except in such waters as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.
To use or have in possession a fish spear.
To have more than five (5) game fish under seven (7) inches in length in your possession.
To shoot fish with rifle or gun.
To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.
To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.

FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena office asking for a FISHERMAN'S LOG in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.

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